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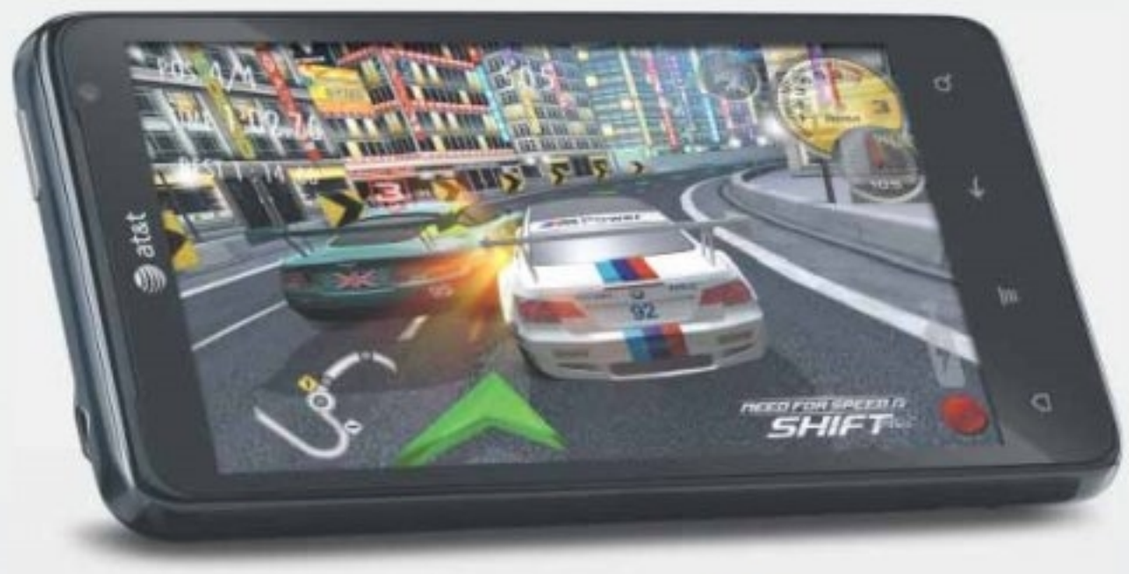


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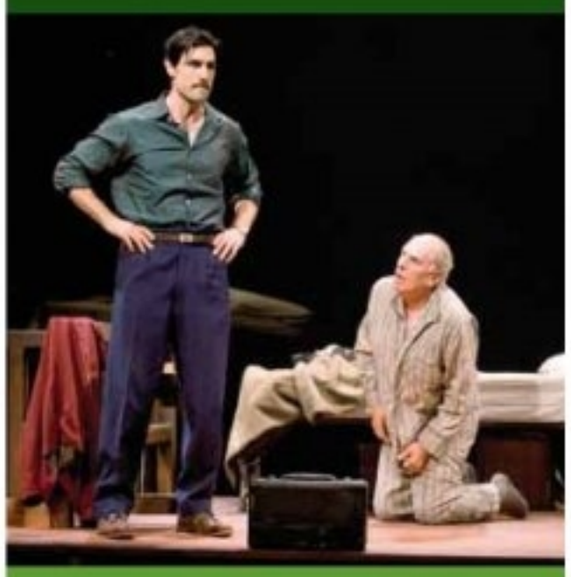

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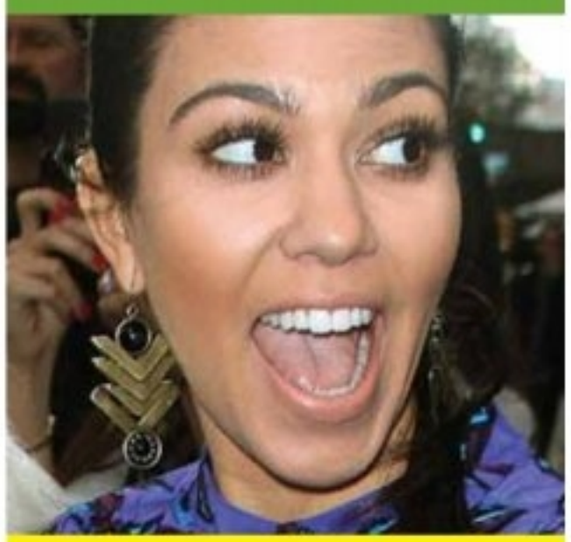

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# Occupation gets stay of execution

**Judge extends restraining order until Dec. 15 ◗ Fire Marshal claims camp is combustible ◗ Protesters say site serves as visual form of free speech**

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▶ Occupy Boston protester K. Eric Martin testifies during a hearing in Suffolk Superior Court on Thursday.

Occupy Boston campers dodged the potential threat of eviction for the second time Thursday after a judge ruled to extend a restraining order, blocking the city from clearing out Tent City Square.

Suffolk Superior Court Judge Frances McIntyre said she would mull her decision on the fate of the encampment, and make a final ruling by Dec. 15.

Until then, city officials can't kick out campers without court approval.

McIntyre's ruling followed a four-hour court battle, despite claims from city officials that the occupation is "cause for concern."

"Every day it continues to be occupied, I fear for the life and safety of every person [there]," said Boston Fire Marshal Bart Shea. "The number of fire code violations alone are almost uncountable. ... People need to be removed immediately."

But occupier K. Eric Martin, a protester and key witness for the campers, said the group has tried to address city concerns.

"We care deeply about the safety of the encampment no less then the lawyers from the other side," said Martin. "We have been working to respect their wishes. Had the issues been addressed [to us], we would have addressed them."

Martin said if a 200-page affidavit filed this week, listing problems, had been brought to the group, they would have handled any qualms.

Police Commissioner Ed Davis said after two months in Dewey Square, camp conditions have worsened, however.

"It's evolved over time and more problems have manifested," said Davis.

Standing outside the crowded courtroom, occupier Robin Jacks said she feared officials would roll in during the holidays, if the order is lifted on Dec. 15, and take down Deweyville.

Davis said if, and when it happens, it would be up to Mayor Thomas Menino.

"Until then we will maintain status quo," he said.

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### Point, counterpoint

**Why occupiers want the camp:**

- Represents a more egalitarian society
- Visually addresses economic issues at stake

**Why the city wants them out:**

- No protest can last forever
- Park should be available for everyone

Michael D. Ricciuti, attorney for the City of Boston, looks through an exhibit during the hearing.

## Woman attacked by pit bull

**BOSTON.** A 71-year-old woman was severely injured after being attacked by a pet pit bull Thursday.

Normanda Torres was bitten on her nose and mouth by her grandchild's pit bull, police said. She was flown to a Boston hospital for treatment.

The 18-month-old dog was taken to an animal facility and will be quarantined for the next 10 days.

Police said the attack was unprovoked. **BOSTON.COM**

## Cops seek tunnel death info

**BOSTON.** Police are asking for the public's help as they investigate the death of a 74-year-old man inside the Tip O'Neill Tunnel.

Authorities said they want to speak with the driver and passengers of two cars that were near the collision that killed David Dang of Somerville.

Dang was killed Nov. 25 while outside of his car that had just been in a minor crash in the tunnel. Another car driving by the crash hit him. **METRO**

## Former student files suit

**STOUGHTON.** A former Stoughton High School student is suing the town and school officials for allegedly ignoring her pleas for help from harassment.

In a complaint filed Thursday, the now 18-year-old said she was harassed by other students and attempted suicide.

The teen said that as a freshman she shared nude photos of herself with a junior boy who then circulated them. **METRO**

In the news

## Lehane named BPL trustee

**Known for a multitude of Boston-based books, some of which became hit movies, author Dennis Lehane was welcomed as the newest trustee of the Boston Public Library Thursday. Mayor Thomas Menino swore in Lehane to help govern BPL and its budget.**

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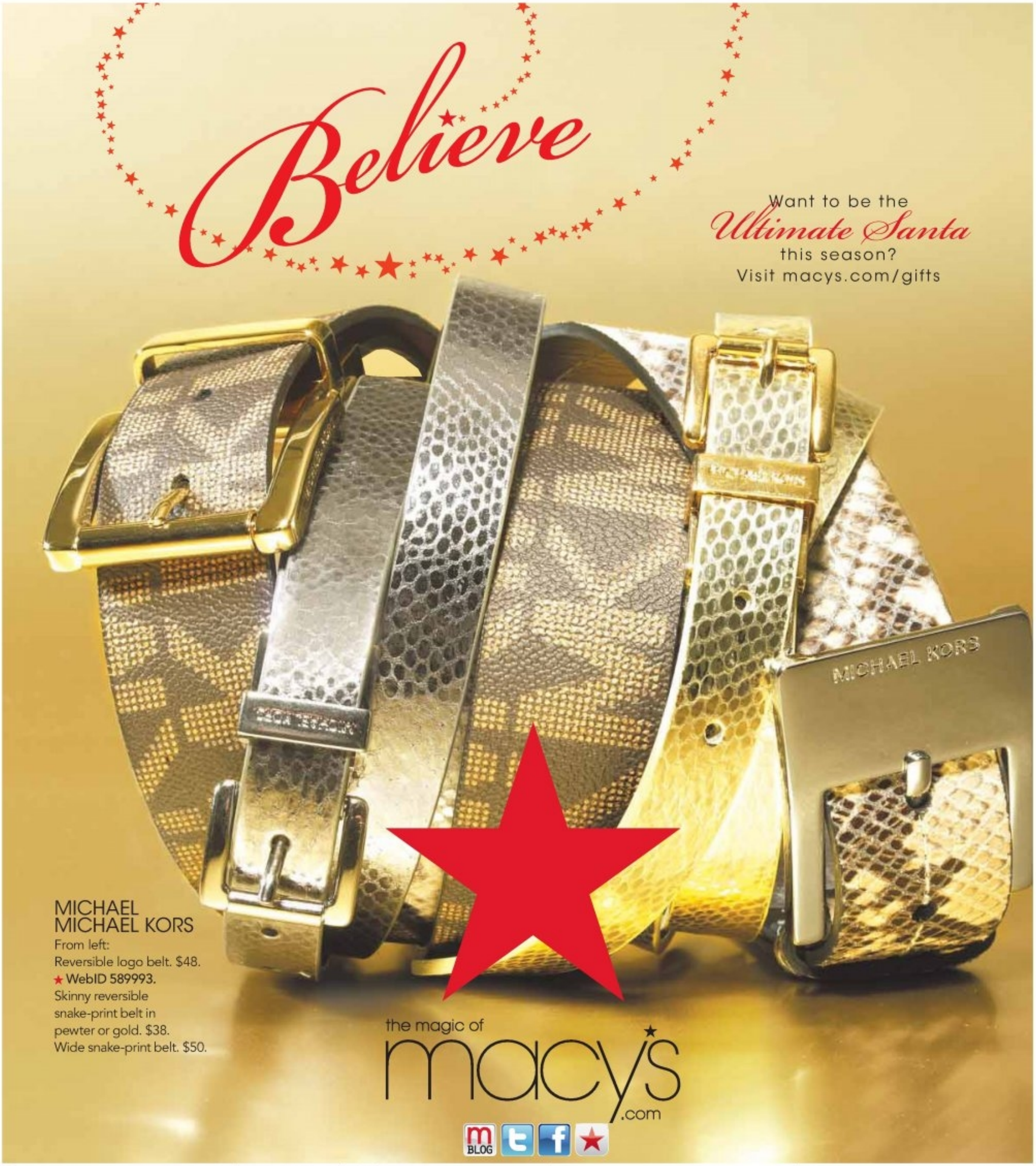


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# On World AIDS Day, good news for the state

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▶ Prayer ribbons hang behind Paul Goulet as he speaks during a World AIDS Day event on Thursday.

Health officials and advocates cheered a new report that revealed "good news" about the treatment of HIV and AIDS in Massachusetts and the high rate of people living in the region who are receiving medical care and services.

"These figures really stand out as a contrast … to what's happening in the rest of the country," said Michael Goldrosen, the director of the HIV/AIDS services division at the Boston Public Health Commission.

The numbers were released Thursday from a survey of 1,000 HIV and AIDS infected people living in much of Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. Officials timed the release of the results to coincide with World AIDS Day and the first celebration of the day at the State House in the history of the epidemic.

Some of the key findings in the study revealed that 99 percent of those surveyed were receiving medical care and 72 percent of those surveyed reported an undetectable HIV viral load. The latter figure is three times the rate of viral suppression reported nationally, officials said.

"While we've had much success in the battle against HIV many challenges remain," said Dr. Anita Barry, the director of the Infectious Disease Bureau of the city's health commission.

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### 'Assign shame'

**As 79 percent of those surveyed reported that they feel stigmatized by their HIV status, almost half said they work hard to keep their status a secret.**

▶ "They are hiding because they fear someone will ostracize them and shame them," said Paul Goulet, who has HIV and works with the state's Department of Public Health. "We continue to assign shame to this disease."

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# US working to restore Myanmar diplomacy

- Clinton's visit to authoritarian nation our first in nearly two decades
- Secretary of state says dealings with nuclear North Korea must end first

**Concerns**

**Rights groups and some lawmakers in Congress are concerned that Washington may be moving too swiftly to endorse the new leadership. Clinton made clear the United States needed to see more progress.**

- "It is encouraging that political prisoners have been released, but over 1,000 are still not free," Clinton said.
- **Clinton also said it would "be difficult to begin a new chapter" until Myanmar began making peace with ethnic rebels.**

The United States will support more aid for Myanmar and consider installing an ambassador after an absence of some two decades, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Thursday, offering the first rewards for reform.

Clinton said she had "candid, productive" conversations with President Thein Sein and other Myanmar ministers and told them Washington stood ready to support further reforms and possibly lift sanctions.

But she also urged Myanmar, which is seeking to emerge from decades of authoritarian military rule, to take further steps to release political prisoners and end ethnic conflicts.

**Quoted**

**"No person in any country should be detained for exercising universal freedoms of expression, assembly and conscience."**

**CLINTON**

Better ties, Clinton said, are impossible unless Myanmar halts its dealings with North Korea, which has set alarm bells ringing across Asia with its renegade nuclear program.

Clinton's landmark visit to the country also known as Burma marks a tentative rapprochement after more than 50 years of estrangement from the West.

She later traveled to the commercial capital of Yangon where she went barefoot as part of Buddhist tradition at a revered shrine, the Shwedagon Pagoda. She then held the first of two meetings with pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi. **REUTERS**

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▶ Secretary of State Hillary Clinton tours the Shwedegon Pagoda, a Buddhist temple in Rangoon, Myanmar.

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# Church bans interracial couples

A vote to bar interracial couples from a small church in eastern Kentucky has triggered hand-wringing and embarrassment.

Nine members of Gulnare Freewill Baptist Church backed their former pastor, with six opposed, in Sunday's vote to bar interracial couples from church membership and worship activities. Funerals were excluded.

The vote was taken after most of the 40 people who attended Sunday services had left the church in Pike County. Many members left to avoid the vote.

Most members of the church "didn't want anything to do with this," said longtime church official Dean Harville, whose daughter and her black fiance had drawn pastor Melvin Thompson's ire.

**"I do not believe in interracial marriages, and I do not believe this [ban] will give our church a black eye at all."**
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"This kind of thing brands all of us so easily," said Randy Johnson, president of the Pike County Ministerial Association. "That's not who we are." **REUTERS**

**Memorial.** Lights

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## Luminarie festival honors victims

**People view illuminations during the Kobe Luminarie annual event Thursday in Kobe, Japan. The Luminarie festival is held in memory of the more than 6,400 people who lost their lives in the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake on Jan. 17, 1995.**

## 'Devastation' at UK embassy

**TEHRAN.** Iranians who stormed the British embassy in Tehran this week left a trail of destruction that witnesses said looked to have been well organized and not the result of a spontaneous eruption of anger, as portrayed by state authorities. Western diplomats who visited the embassy on Wednesday cited "devastating" damage to buildings and of the ordeal of diplomatic staff who have since left the country. **REUTERS**

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**The Middle East** has so many different performance spaces, and it hosts everything from stand-up comedy to national indie groups, so it's almost impossible not to like at least one thing there on any given night. This Sunday, for instance, Corey Taylor from Slipknot is Downstairs, a bunch of local bands pay tribute to pop/punk bands Upstairs, DJ Punketta spins at Zuzu and at the Corner is Karla's Bellydance Night.
**472-480 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-EAST**
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**379 Somerville Ave., Somerville, 617-764-0005**
**www.facebook.com/radiosomerville**

**BEST PLACE TO SEE A BAND RIGHT BEFORE THEY GRADUATE TO HAVING A BIG HIT:**

**Great Scott** has had some of the hottest indie acts in the nation. The Anderson Comedy Group has a weekly residency, and "The Pill" is the club's dance night. Both happen this Friday evening! Also, mark your calendar for Jan. 7, when Naked on Roller Skates play. They're gonna be yoooge!
**1222 Comm. Ave., Allston**
**617-566-9014**
**www.greatscottboston.com**

**BEST PLACES TO SEE BANDS WITH A HIT WHO WILL HAVE EVEN BIGGER HITS WITH THEIR NEXT ALBUM**

A few months after your friend tells you he or she saw an awesome band at Great Scott, that band usually comes back around and plays **The Paradise**, or if you're lucky, its slightly smaller sister venue, **Brighton Music Hall**. Both play host to major acts

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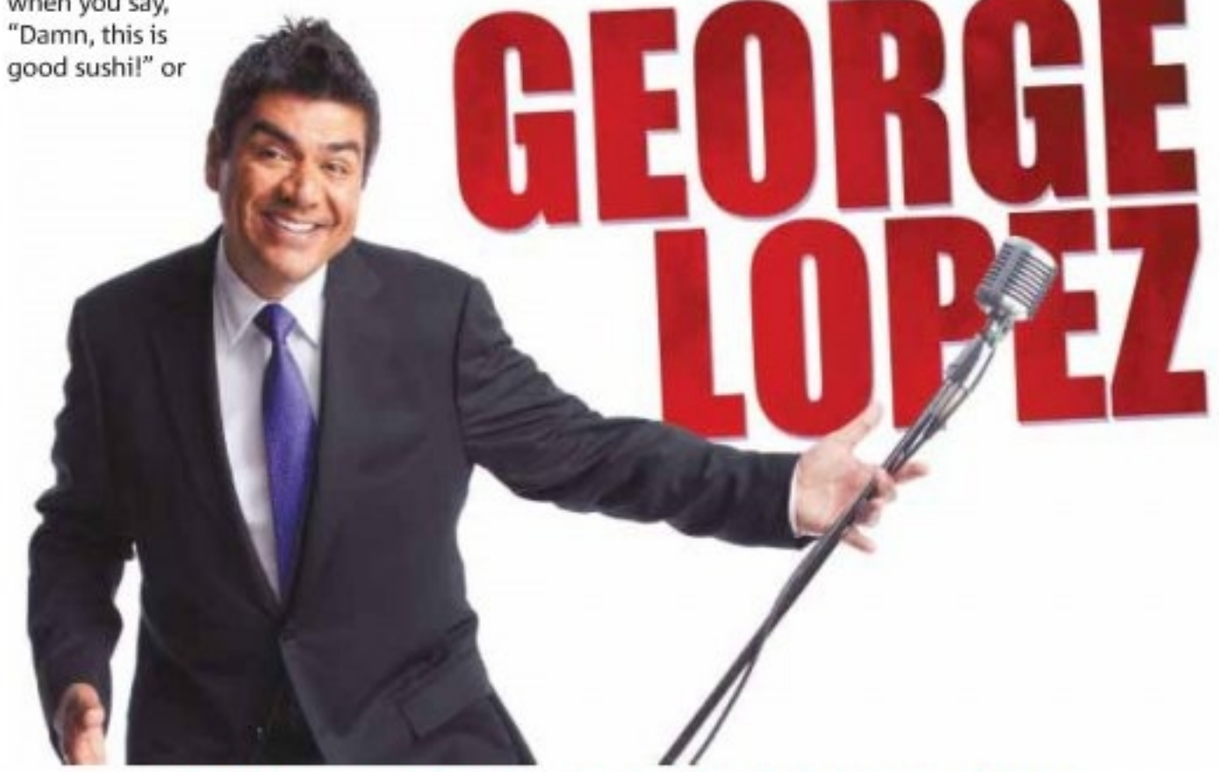


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that haven't yet risen to that theater-filling level, but are definitely nobody's secret. **Paradise**
**967 Comm. Ave., Boston,**
**617-562-8800**
**www.thedise.com**

**Brighton Music Hall**
**158 Brighton Ave., Allston**
**617-779-0140**
**www.brighton musichall.com**

### VENUE WITH A 50-50 CHANCE OF SEEING COMEDY OR MUSIC:

**The Wilbur Theatre** hosts comedians (Dave Attell is there Friday) in its intimate, space, but you'll also find kickass musical acts gracing the stage. Shows this month include Gillian Welch on the 12th and 13th and Wu-Tang Clan on the 28th.
**246 Tremont St., Boston**
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**www.thewilburtheatre.com**

## SHOPPING

### BEST NON-APPLE-AFFILIATED STORE WHERE YOU CAN STILL BUY MUSIC

**Newbury Comics** doesn't call itself a wicked good time for nothing. This place is kind of like that scene in Disney's "Pinocchio" where they overindulge and turn into donkeys. You can't help yourself from becoming a jackass with all the temptations of huge posters, T-shirts, CDs, records, DVDs, imported rock mags, comics (of course) and other pop culture absurdities.
**Various locations**
**www.newburycomics.com**

### BEST PLACE TO CATCH UP ON THE TRENDS YOU HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION TO

Harvard Square used to be famous for its goth/punk kids, and although they're harder to find these days, **Hootenanny** still sells marketing savvy versions of their style.
**36 JFK St., Cambridge**
**617-864-6623**
**www.harvardsquare.com/home/shops/hootenanny.aspx**

COURTNEY SACCO/METRO

▶ Newbury Comics: where you can get all of the DVDs and posters for your dorm room that your parents wouldn't let you have at home.

### BEST PLACE TO PICK UP SOMETHING MADE OF AN OLD RECORD

**Magpie** is the kingdom of the punk rock flea market. Here you'll find handmade tote bags, magnets, stationary sets and magnets. Be warned though: These are all artists-made wares, so be prepared to pay a little more here than at Target. Wait, the folks at Target don't sell handmade Christmas tree ornaments, do they?
**416 Highland Ave., Somerville**
**617-623-3330**
**www.magpie-store.com**

### BEST REASON TO TAKE YOUR HANDS OUT OF YOUR POCKETS

Based out of Brookline, **Olive Green Apparel** has the warmest mitts ever and, just like in their scarves and hats, they utilize recycled fibers. They're sold online or locally at Flock and Avery boutiques. For text-addicts, there are fingerless mittens too!
**www.olivegreenapparel.com**

### BEST RUM FOR A LOST WEEKEND — IF YOU CAN'T HAVE A LOST WEEKEND IN THE CARIBBEAN

Massachusetts-made **Privateer** is the tastiest way to create your own "Rum Diary" chez vous. Still, it's so smooth and mellow you will want to savor rather than squander it.
**www.privateerrum.com**

### BEST FAMILY LIQUOR BUSINESS SINCE THE KENNEDY'S

Brothers Will and Dave Willis are Boston-born and bred and **Bully Boy Distillers** is their baby. It's Boston's first craft distillery and so young that the spirits — white whiskey, white rum and vodka — have yet to age, but there's whiskey and rum in the barrel and aging for release next year.
**www.bullyboydistillers.com**

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on the Greenway
*Winter Lights series*
This winter, discover lighting displays and innovative art installations scattered across the Greenway from December - March.
Join us for the opening celebration of:
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Thursday, December 8 6 - 7PM
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(between High St & Broad St)
Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway CONSERVANCY
rosekennedygreenway.org

Ice Chimes by Moskow Linn Architects

## WAYS TO SPEND YOUR TIME

### BEST PLACE TO GET AWAY FROM THIS CRUEL, CRUEL WORLD

Shut the door on energy-sucking people and book a spa room at the **Mandarin Oriental** for a weekend of solitude. Not only does the M.O. have the best spa in Boston, there are guest rooms next door. Bed to spa to bed to spa. Repeat often.
**776 Boylston St., Boston**
**617-535-8888**
**www.mandarin oriental.com/boston**

### BEST "WHAT TOOK US SO LONG TO THINK OF THAT?" IDEA IN THE CITY

Although the **Hubway** bicycle stations are starting to disappear as the New England winter inevitably snows all over us, this three-season service has made going from point A to point B so much more fun. **855-448-2929**
**www.thehubway.com**

### BEST USE OF PUBLIC SPACE

The historical and natural meet the comic and cosmic on the **Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway**, a 1.5-mile stretch along Atlantic Avenue in Boston. Whimsical signs to dog owners address the dogs themselves in languages of barks and growls, metal robot sculptures congregate near a clearing that looks like a landing pad for aliens and informative plaques with history lessons of what was once there are all a great way to forget you're in the middle of the city. Oh, and starting next Thursday, they'll have an installation of ice chimes!
**617-292-0020**
**www.rosekennedy greenway.org**

### BEST GYM TO WORK OUT AT WITHOUT FEELING PRESSURED TO BE A BODY BUILDER

You know that ad where the superjacked guy is like, "I pick things up and put things down"? Well, it really is true that the folks at **Planet Fitness** discourage that type of muscle addict. This is the place you can go to get in shape without feeling pressured to be the Hulk.
**Various locations**
**www.planetfitness.com**

*— Contributed by Matthew Dinaro, Nora Dunne, Pat Healy, Linda Laban and Luke O'Neil*

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

Hubway got under way this year, and it really took off.



No, it's not a UFO landing pad, it's just part of the Rose Kennedy Greenway.

PAT HEALY/METRO


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## theater & arts guide

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**THE ONLY CHRISTMAS SHOW YOU NEED TO SEE**

The Reduced Shakespeare Company returns to take you on an irreverent but heartwarming trip through the holidays and Christmas will never quite be the same.
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www.revels.org

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**THREE PIANOS**

Join the party when 3 friends recreate a Schubertiade & play his beloved song cycle. A perfect holiday show. Starts December 7
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Loeb Drama Center
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americanrepertorytheater.org
617.547.8300

### MUSIC

**Celebrity Series of Boston**

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Pianist Vijay Iyer & saxophonist Miguel Zenón are two of the most original and brilliant voices in contemporary jazz today. In this double bill, audiences will hear these fearless masters perform the jazz of tomorrow under construction. Fri., 12/9 8pm @ Berklee Perf. Center. Tickets @ celebrityseries.org.

**December 2 at 8 PM**
**Blackman Theatre**
**Northeastern University**

Playing the traditional Second Line parades, Hot 8 Brass Band has epitomized New Orleans street music for over a decade. Recent appearances include The Great Day in Harlem at the Apollo with Dr. John and multiple episodes of the HBO series, Tremé. Don't miss this NOLA favorite and their contagious brass infused hip-hop, funk, and jazz.

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# Sundays get more 'Sucker Free'

## MTV2 celebrates rap's illustrious past and its Odd Future Sway Calloway on hip-hop's big happenings

MTV2 has been referring to their end-of-the-week hip-hop barrage as Sucker Free Sundays for the past nine years. But this Sunday, it gets even more sucker-free.

At 11 p.m., the network commemorates the wild year that was with its first "Sucker Free Awards," a celebration of all the unexpected collaborations, comebacks and breakthroughs that happened in hip-hop in 2011. Then at midnight, the network brings back a variation of an MTV institution. The show "Yo! MTV Raps: Classic Cuts" gives a reverent nod to the acts who first defined the hip-hop landscape. In addition to videos from A Tribe Called Quest, Geto Boys and Ice Cube, "Cuts" also features those trailblazing artists talking about their clips.

Veteran VJ Sway Calloway will host the inaugural "Sucker Free Awards." Though he's excited about the show, he seems even more awestruck about the chance to emcee "Yo! MTV Raps" as well.

"If I never do anything else," he says, "I'm glad I got a chance to do that."

As for the awards, Calloway won't reveal any winners — but he did share his thoughts on the three most important hip-hop happenings of the year.

**The rise of Odd Future**
"They were discovered by the consumer, and their popularity grew as their fan base grew through social media. ... Then it became like a wildfire."

**The Watch the Throne album and tour**
"With Kanye [West], it was almost like his big brother giving him the final stamp of approval and humbling himself to do this at the peak of his career with Jay-Z. And Jay was making himself slightly vulnerable to be open to a lot of suggestions from Kanye. And the music they came up with? I called it a classic hip-hop album with wings, because of the place it took us. It took us to places where we've never gone."

PAUL EHMANS/PICTURE GROUP

Lil Wayne had a banner year.

**Lil Wayne's "Tha Carter IV"**
"I remember the day he was released [from jail]. ... The whole world may as well have been on Rikers Island. That energy is a testament to 'Tha Carter IV,' because we were used to Wayne releasing music so abundantly and quickly — and then he makes us wait! And then 'Tha Carter IV' came out and Wayne by himself nearly doubled the sales of Jay and Kanye, and that's a testament to the anticipation everybody felt."

**PAT HEALY**
pat.healy@metro.us

**TV watch list**

### 'Neverland'

**DRAMA.** Peter Pan wasn't always a tights-wearing friend of fairies who never wanted to grow up. This two-night, four-hour miniseries gives Peter (Charlie Rowe) and Captain Hook (Rhys Ifans) an origin story that starts in 1900s England, where the pair are a couple of crooks who find an orb that transports them to the magical realm of Neverland.
**Miniseries premiere, Sunday, 9 p.m., Syfy**

### 'The Take'

**DRAMA.** "Inception" star Tom Hardy does crime a little more traditionally — no dream levels here — as a con just released from prison who's itching to make a name for himself in the underworld.
**Miniseries premiere, Friday, 9 p.m., Encore**

**AMBER RAY**

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**Loews Boston Common 19**
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ANSWERS TO NOTHING (R) 11:25, 3:05, 6:10, 9:10.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
ARTHUR CHRISTMAS (PG) 10:15, 12:50, 3:20, 10:35. Digital Presentation
ARTHUR CHRISTMAS 3D (PG) 5:20, 7:45. RealD 3D
THE DESCENDANTS (R) Fri and Sat 10:05, 11:05, 12:45, 1:45, 3:25, 4:35, 6:05, 7:20, 8:50, 10:10, 11:35.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:05-11:05-12:45-1:45-3:25-4:35-6:05-7:20-8:50-10:10.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
HAPPY FEET TWO (PG) 10:00, 5:45, 8:10. Digital Presentation
HAPPY FEET TWO: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG) 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45. IMAX 3D
HUGO (PG) Fri and Sat 11:30, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30, 11:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:30-2:30-5:30-8:30. Digital Presentation
HUGO 3D (PG) 10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30. RealD 3D
THE IDES OF MARCH (R) 11:10, 4:50, 10:50. Digital Presentation
IMMORTALS 3D (R) 11:45, 2:35, 5:35, 8:20, 10:50. RealD 3D
J. EDGAR (R) Fri and Sat 11:00, 2:05, 5:05, 8:25, 11:25. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:00-2:05-5:05-8:25. Digital Presentation
JACK AND JILL (PG) Fri and Sat 11:35, 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30, 12:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:35-1:50-4:40-7:10-9:30. Digital Presentation
LIKE CRAZY (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:10, 12:25, 2:40, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50, 12:10.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:10-12:25-2:40-5:00-7:25-9:50.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
MONEYBALL (PG-13) 1:35, 7:50. Digital Presentation
THE MUPPETS (PG) Fri and Sat 10:00, 11:00, 12:40, 1:40, 3:15, 4:15, 6:00, 7:05, 8:40, 9:40, 11:20. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-11:00-12:40-1:40-3:15-4:15-6:00-7:05-8:40-9:40. Digital Presentation
MY WEEK WITH MARILYN (R) Fri and Sat 11:20, 1:55, 4:20, 6:45, 9:15, 11:50.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 11:20-1:55-4:20-6:45-9:15.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
POKEMON THE MOVIE: WHITE - VICTINI AND ZEKROM (NR) Sat and Sun 10:00. Digital Presentation
PUSS IN BOOTS 3D (PG) 10:20, 12:35, 2:55. RealD 3D
TOWER HEIST (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 8:05, 10:40. Digital Presentation
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 1 (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:15, 12:30, 2:15, 3:30, 5:15, 6:15, 8:00, 9:00, 10:45, 11:45. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:15-12:30-2:15-3:30-5:15-6:15-8:00-9:00-10:45. Digital Presentation
A VERY HAROLD & KUMAR 3D CHRISTMAS (R) 10:20. RealD 3D

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ARTHUR CHRISTMAS 3D (PG) 1:10, 7:05. RealD 3D
THE DESCENDANTS (R) 12:50, 1:35, 4:30, 7:00, 7:30, 10:35
HAPPY FEET TWO (PG) 4:05, 9:35
HAPPY FEET TWO IN 3D (PG) 1:25, 6:55. RealD 3D
HUGO (PG) 6:50, 10:05
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IMMORTALS 3D (R) Fri and Sat 12:35, 7:40, 10:25, 12:05. RealD 3D; Sun 12:35-7:40-10:25. RealD 3D
J. EDGAR (R) Fri 12:45, 4:15, 7:25, 10:30; Sat 7:25-10:30.; Sun 12:45-4:15-7:25-10:30.
THE METROPOLITAN OPERA: RODELINDA LIVE (NR) Sat 12:30
THE MUPPETS (PG) Fri and Sat 12:40, 1:30, 3:30, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10, 12:25; Sun 12:40-1:30-3:30-4:10-7:10-10:10.
PUSS IN BOOTS (PG) 1:05, 3:55, 6:45
ST. OLAF CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL LIVE (NR) Sun 3:30
TOWER HEIST (PG-13) Fri and Sat 4:25, 9:45, 12:20; Sun 4:25-9:45.
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290 Harvard St., Brookline
THE ARTIST (PG-13) Sun 10:00. Talk Cinema Series
CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON 3D (NR) Fri and Sat 12:00
THE DESCENDANTS (R) 11:15, 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL (PG) Fri 12:00; Sat 10:30-12:00.
LE HAVRE (NR) Fri 11:50, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10; Sat and Sun 4:45-7:10.
MARGIN CALL (R) 9:40
MELANCHOLIA (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
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HAPPY FEET TWO (PG) Fri 10:15, 3:10, 8:10. Digital Presentation; Sat 3:20-8:20. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:15-3:10-8:10. Digital Presentation
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IMMORTALS (R) 10:45, 1:20. Digital Presentation
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J. EDGAR (R) Fri and Sat 10:25, 4:15, 9:55. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digita; Sun 10:25-4:15. CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video;Digita
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**The feed ...**

On Fridays, Dorothy will post the best tweets she received during the week. You can always let her know what you think — good or bad — at @dorothyatmetro.

The last two weeks were humdingers. I not only wrote in The Word that Jennifer Lopez needed to put some pants on, but I also defended Michelle Bachmann (eek!) after The Roots played "Lyin' Ass B—" by Fishbone while she was a guest on "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon." I blame the pregnancy hormones.

▶ **@gsemike:** Bravo! That's not how you treat a 'guest'. I definitely think less of the roots today.

▶ **@Eminems Revenge:** YOUR anti-#Roots rant today just prove what i suspected all along: #metrous is a #RACIST #rightWing rag!

▶ **@xanderall:** If The Roots were on their own, they could call Bachmann whatever they wanted, but they weren't. They were hired by NBC.

▶ **@andrewfelluss:** M.Bachman is a b— because she's an opportunistic and racist liar, not because she is a woman. fishbone rocks

▶ **@TheAuthentic:** this is #America where we have Freedom Of Speech #Philly respects what @TheRoots did regarding #Bachman we all feel that way

▶ **@duxander:** thank u for saying it like it is. Jlo shld freaking start dressing her age.

▶ **@Tashiie:** Reading "The Word" in todays Metro by @dorothyatmetro and she is Hating on Jlo bad. Shes hot and your not !!!!

# THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip **@dorothyatmetro** **dorothy.robinson@metro.us**

# A Kardashian announces pregnancy, but why so early?

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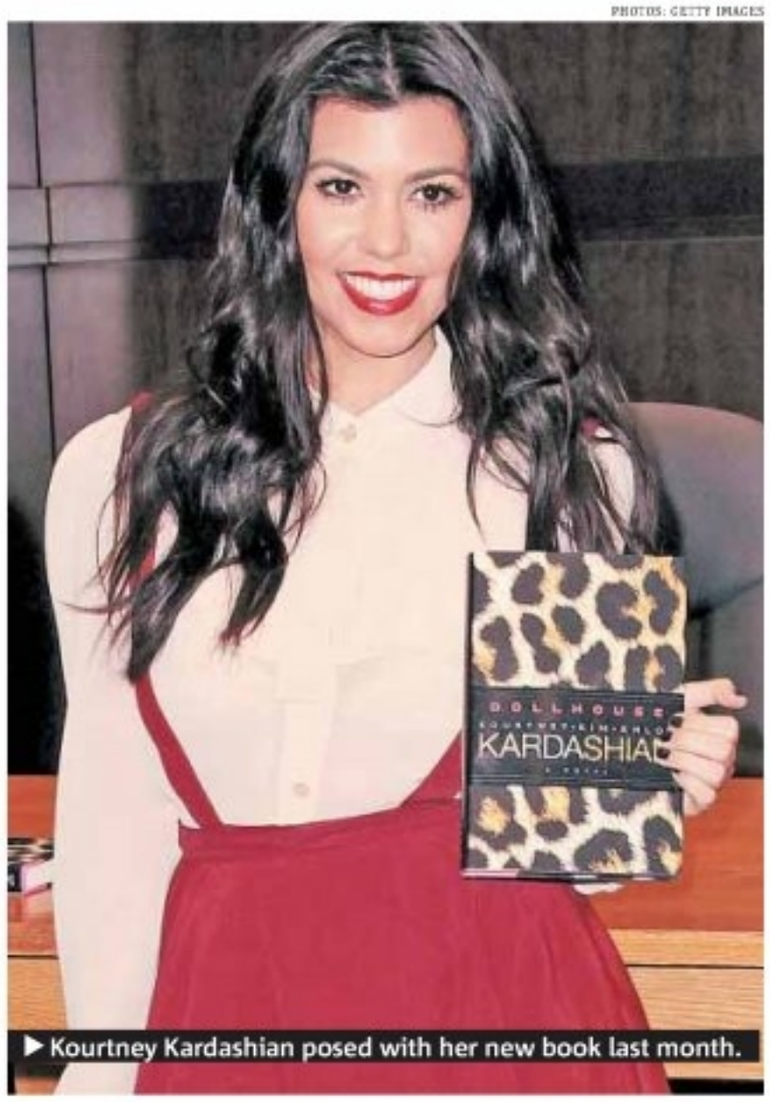


▶ Kourtney Kardashian posed with her new book last month.

As you have probably heard, **Kourtney Kardashian** released a statement via E! News on Wednesday announcing her second pregnancy with boyfriend **Scott Disick**. "I'm nine weeks along," Kourtney then told Us Weekly for a pre-approved feature. "You're supposed to wait 12 weeks to tell people, but I feel confident." She has since kept mum on the pregnancy and hasn't granted any other interviews regarding it.

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Did you read that quote? She knows it's too early for this to be common knowledge, but in a strategic announcement, she's telling the entire world anyway. As a fellow pregnant lady, this just strikes me as fishy. Is she just being foolish, or is there something else afoot? With odds of miscarriage in the first trimester around 10 to 25 percent, any doctor (or PR rep) would strongly advise you not to announce your pregnancy until at least your second trimester — and they are just talking about posting it as a status update on Facebook, not alerting the entire world via a prepared statement.

So why in the world would she announce this so early and so methodically? To take the heat off of **Kim**'s mistake of a marriage? Or — and I know how bonkers this sounds — in order to set up a miscarriage storyline in a few weeks? Ugh. I've lost it, friends. The Kardashians are turning me into a crazy conspiracy theorist. That's why I'm sporting a tin foil cap in my head shot — to keep out the mind rays.

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## Talking points

### Spears' engagement imminent

There's been plenty of speculation about when **Britney Spears** and **Jason Trawick** might take the next step toward marriage, and it's reportedly going to be very soon. "They've been talking about marriage for a long time," a source tells People magazine. "It would be surprising if they are not engaged by the end of the year." In fact, the engagement is so close that, according to the source, Trawick has already picked out a ring.

Spears and Trawick

### ScarJo is a jealous ex

Even though her marriage to **Ryan Reynolds** ended last year, **Scarlett Johansson** is still reportedly preoccupied with his love life — and sources say she absolutely loathes his latest girlfriend, **Blake Lively**, according to Us Weekly. "Scarlett is pissed that he's not under her spell anymore," a source says. "She realized what a great catch Ryan was." Adding insult to injury? The fact that while Johansson's post-divorce romance with **Sean Penn** fizzled out, Reynolds and Lively seem to be going strong. "Things are great [for Blake and Ryan]," says the source. "They haven't had a fight yet."

### Could Murray be home for Xmas?

Despite being sentenced to four years in prison for involuntary manslaughter, **Dr. Conrad Murray** could be home for Christmas, according to Radar Online. The disgraced doc was given the maximum sentence for his role in the death of **Michael Jackson**, but because of overcrowding problems in California prisons, it's expected that Murray will serve out the bulk of his sentence under house arrest. "Dr. Murray's lawyers are actually relieved that Judge Pastor didn't sentence him to community service, like **Lindsay Lohan** is doing at the morgue," a source says. "That would have been an absolute nightmare for him. ... It wouldn't have been safe for him to be picking up trash on the freeway or cleaning up graffiti."

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# These stars are getting a head start on Xmas shopping

**1.** Even royalty needs to shop! Heir apparent to Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Charles was seen at the Waitrose supermarket in Dorset, England, last Friday. What are they all laughing at in this picture? Could Prince Charles actually be funny?

**2.** Actress Chloe Sevigny shopped locally for Small Business Saturday at Other Music in New York City last Saturday.

**3.** Model Christy Turlington also got into the "shop local" spirit at Torly Kids Shops in New York City on Saturday.

**4.** Lauren Conrad did a little holiday shopping with four teenagers from the Children's Hospital Los Angeles at the Westchester Kohl's Department Store in Westchester, Calif., last Monday.

**5.** Across the ocean, Bruce Willis was spotted doing some holiday shopping on Rue Saint-Honore with his family in Paris, France, last Friday.

**6.** A very pregnant Jessica Simpson was seen shopping at Barney's on Sunday night in New York City.

**7.** Nicole Richie shopped locally for Small Business Saturday in Los Angeles on Saturday.

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This Guinean percussionist and bandleader comes from a long line of drummers and dancers, but he's had quite the career himself, performing his traditional West African music — as well as the modern hybrid of afro-pop — across the world. Kamara even spent time leading the African Ballet of Gambia. He's currently teaching at Berklee. METRO

# 'It's all fun and games'

## Simple, catchy and loud are the hallmarks of Earthquake Party
## Stardom is not necessarily on the agenda for this Boston buzz band

"All I want's a pretty little hand that's filled with pills and candy," sings Justin Lally of local indie rock act Earthquake Party on the opening track of the band's recently-released debut tape, "Vs. Pizza."

You could call that a statement of intent or a rock 'n' roll philosophy, but according to Lally, you'd be taking things much too seriously: "That was simply an actual thought that I happened to write down," he says. "I like simple lyrics that can hold up to repetition."

That sentiment carries across in all of what Earthquake Party — which also includes singer/keyboardist Mallory Hestand and drummer Josh "J-Raff" Carrasco — do as a band. Their songs, filled with fuzzy guitar, distorted keyboard and pounding drums, are always simple, catchy and to the point. One track on the tape, "Nails and Hammers," whizzes by in 49 seconds, and contains only one line's worth of lyrics. But don't be surprised if you find it stuck in your head for hours. Lally's list of influences, including the Velvet Underground, the Vaselines and Suicide, reflect this simple approach.

Unsurprisingly, Lally says he regards any notion of rock stardom as "very strange."

"I am really enjoying the present," he says. "I like watching bands we play with from the front of the stage. I like being heckled by our friends in the audience, especially when press outlets think it's sincere and write about it. It's all fun and games."

▶ Earthquake Party: All they want is a pretty little hand filled with pills and candy. And really, can you blame them?

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### Lovin' that dirty water

Sometimes it seems like every Boston band with a big enough buzz hightails it to Brooklyn, but the members of Earthquake Party say they have no such intentions: "I kind of hate New York," Lally says frankly. "I think the scene in Boston right now is really special. ... It is very welcoming and noncompetitive, and the fanbase is great. ... I feel like if I stay in for even one night, I'm missing something amazing. I like the fact that we are considered a Boston band, and I hope the whole scene gets a little more recognition."

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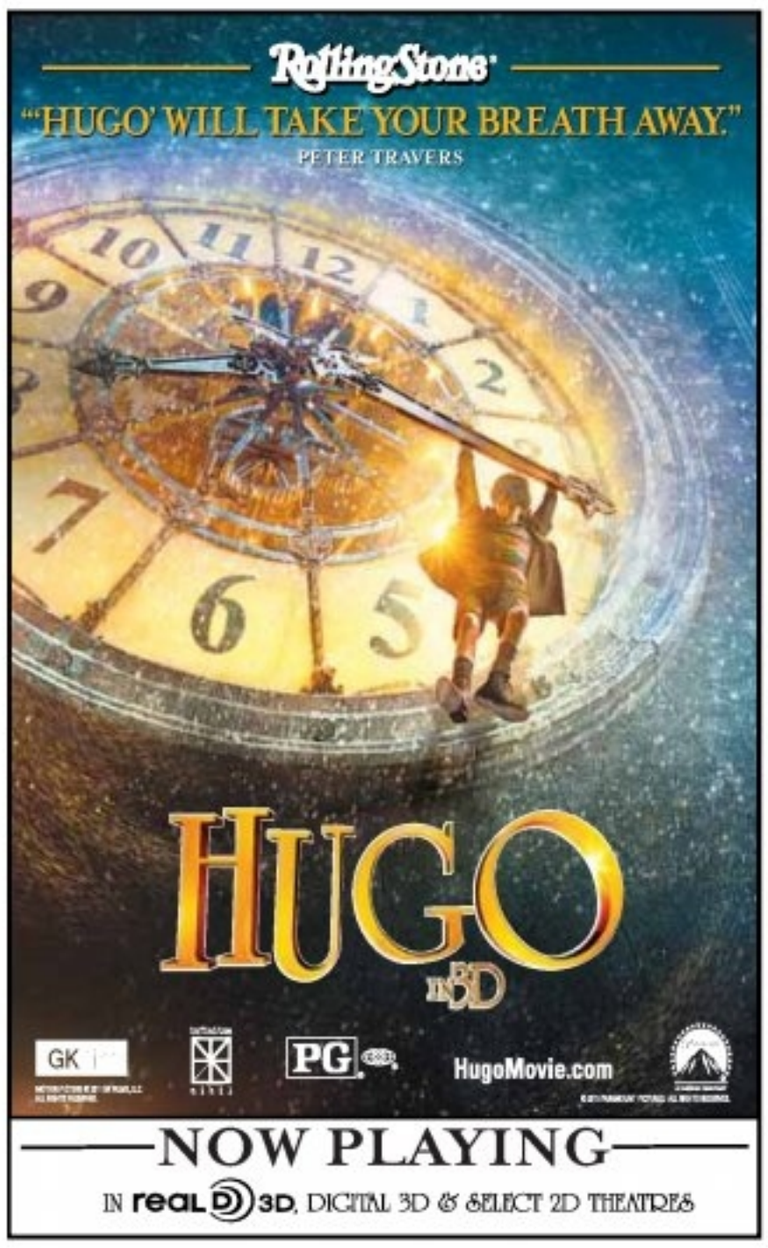


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## 'Captors' will have you on the edge of your seat with a suspenseful and spellbinding game of cat-and-mouse

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Everyone knows Adolf Eichmann was convicted of crimes against humanity in a Jerusalem trial, and that he was subsequently executed for these war crimes. It's also common knowledge that he consented to this trial.

Though these well-known facts are the essence of "Captors," playwright Evan Wiener has still created a suspenseful, edge-of-your-seat psychological thriller currently receiving an extraordinary production by the Huntington Theatre Company.

The game of cat-and-mouse between Eichmann (Michael Cristofer) and his captor Malkin (Louis Cancelmi) is nearly spellbinding to witness, as the duo unload a barrage of psychological weaponry in their efforts to gain control.

▶ Cristofer, front, and Cancelmi star in "Captors."

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Cristofer masterfully captures the multitude of emotional and physical embodiments Eichmann employs as part of his strategy. Whether befuddled captor, calculating soldier or simply an autocrat who truly believes he "killed no one, ever," Cristofer's complete personification of Eichmann could be a master class in acting.

Cancelmi proves to be equally adept as the captor who violates all the rules by seemingly allowing the prisoner to dictate the terms of his imprisonment. Or does he? Cancelmi nicely conceals Malkin's strengths behind his vulnerabilities.

The story is told through the eyes of an older Malkin who is now narrating his experience to Cohn (Daniel Eric Gold), a young author. Cohn is the perfect vehicle to provide essential plot-driving historical points as well as creating a bit of uncertainty about the veracity of Malkin's truth.

This mind game could easily get lost if not for the impeccable direction of Peter DuBois. Without ever saying so, he manages to make the parallels between then and now eerily unsettling.

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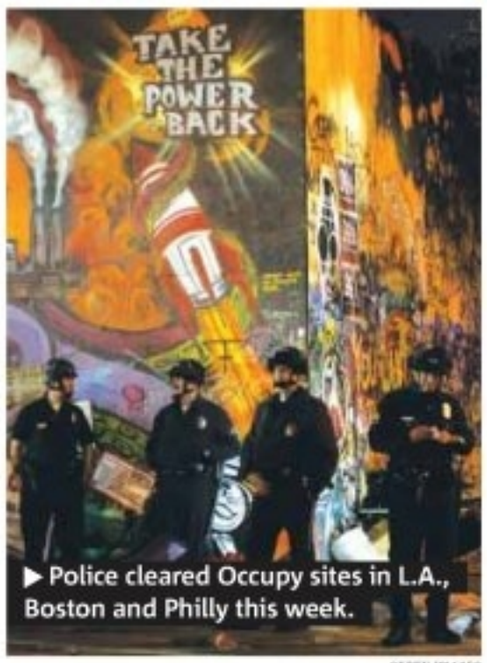
## The Week That Was: Opinion

An elite band of well-connected criminals has cleverly siphoned trillions in dollars of national wealth into their private ownership over the past few decades as politicians and media pundits cheered them forward. We do not describe post-Soviet-collapse Russia; we speak of these ostensibly United States of America.

America has presided over what can be accurately described as the largest financial theft in human history — and it most definitely, certainly, 100 percent will happen again. And why not? These brilliant thieves — none other than our national leaders and titans of industry — have not been held accountable for their crimes. In fact, they have benefited monstrously.



▶ Police cleared Occupy sites in L.A., Boston and Philly this week.

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As police forces nationwide arrest thousands of protesters forced into the streets in a show of desperation over a grievous lack of political representation (rich politicians from both major parties know to support their corporate benefactors), we still face a justice system that has yet to punish the architects of our economic decline. This should be expected: The system is working exactly as intended.

What irks is the ire from everyday folk who foolishly condemn Occupiers as "parasites" — even as the promises of their future are quietly made into lies. We've become a nation of arrogant ostriches, quick to hate those with different viewpoints while ignoring the painful truth: The elected officials we supported have sold us out. And as we fight with one another, an ever-shrinking minority is happy to take advantage.

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## Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Before starting another project, be sure to first finish what you've already begun. Focus becomes difficult when you have too many things going on at the same time.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Be extremely selective regarding whose counsel you follow. Going with the wrong advice could turn minor complications into very serious ones.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Warning signs are all over your chart, telling you that going to the wrong adviser could cause complications that would turn into impediments.

♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** Subdue any kind of inclinations that invite distraction. Chances are they would cause you to waver in your pursuit of an objective, when you should be giving your full attention.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** By pretending you know a lot about something when in reality you know little, you could get yourself in an embarrassing position when asked to explain it to others.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If a friend of yours attempts to pry some confidential information out of you, hold firm in keeping mum. If this particular info morsel were to be circulated, you'd be blamed.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** All being difficult will get you is a loss of support from your friends. Don't be your own worst enemy; build bridges, don't burn them.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Take it slow when engaged in something important that could produce many future rewards, and make sure you do everything right. Patience will get you where you want to go much quicker than haste.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** When caught up in something that is not directly under your control, it behooves you to be on guard. You could easily be blamed for another's mistake.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Don't get caught up in airing a disagreement with your spouse in front of others. Having an audience would only make matters worse as each of you tries to look like the blameless party.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Conditions are such where a gadget, tool, material or a method could easily cause you to run amok if you're not totally familiar with its intricacies. Get quality instructions first.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Impulsiveness on your part could cause you to purchase an expensive piece of merchandise for which you currently have little use but hope one day to have. Wait to buy it until you actually need it. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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7 Aunt or bro.
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40 Before marriage
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57 Help-wanted abbr.
58 Beethoven's Third
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63 Say more
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67 Bagel choice

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8 Revises
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10 Work to be done
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12 Lena or Marilyn
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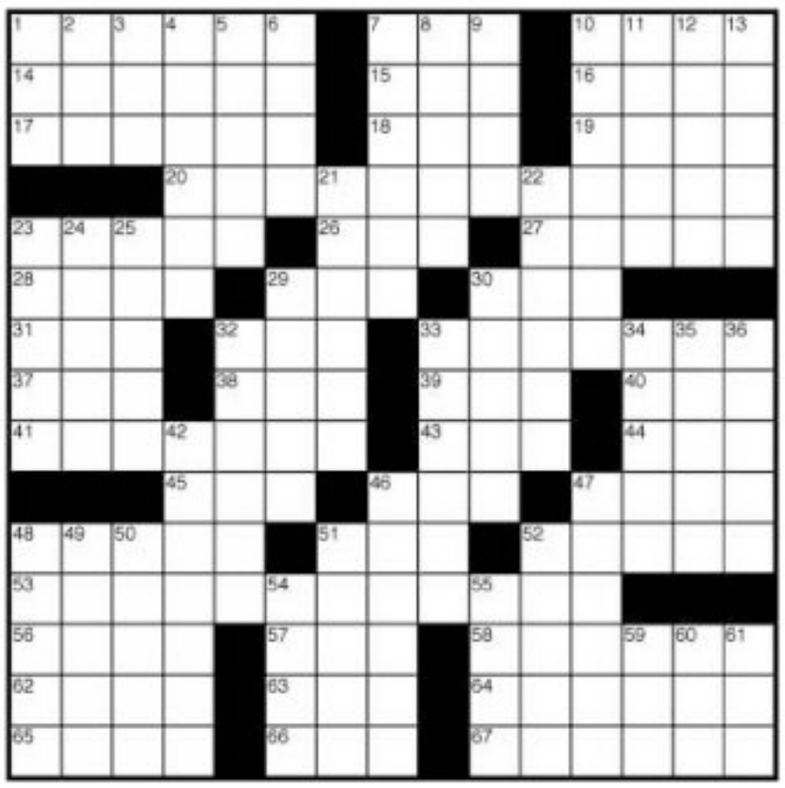

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

**Solution to Thursday's crossword**

**How to play Sudoku:** Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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# Expect Pats to run up score

Big spreads in the NFL are rare. A monster line in a game between the Colts and Patriots is even more unique.

In the last 10 meetings between these two rivals, the spread has not been greater than 6 1/2 points either way. On Sunday, it's 20 1/2. That's the biggest line in the NFL this year and will likely be the biggest one we'll see all season. That's what happens when you replace Peyton Manning with people like Curtis Painter and Dan Orlovsky.

Considering the history between these two teams, we can safely expect Bill Belichick to run up the score. He didn't do it on the Eagles last week because he's friends with Andy Reid. Belichick certainly has no sympathy for the Colts. Look for Tom Brady and the starters to play the entire game. ADAM LEVITAN

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# Belichick gives Colts a hard sell

**You know the Pats coach isn't going provide bulletin board material, but really, against Indy? Wilfork says every team can lose in the NFL**

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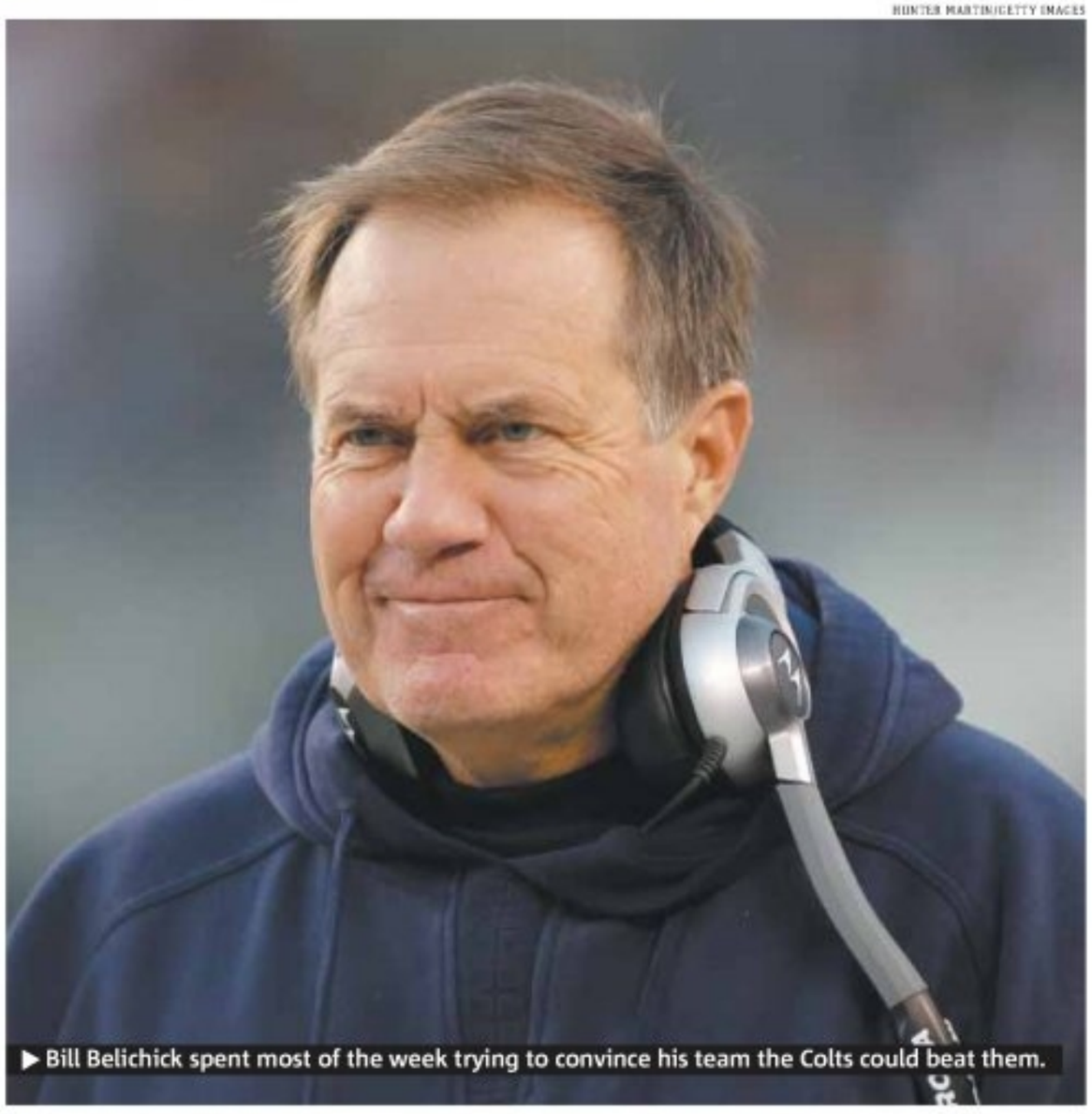

▶ Bill Belichick spent most of the week trying to convince his team the Colts could beat them.

It was very clear on Wednesday that Bill Belichick wasn't having any of the "Colts are 0-11, this should be easy" talk.

He was quick to shoot it down, and even quicker to throw it back in each reporter's face who hinted at the notion.

Why? Well, publicly that's what he has to say, and that's the approach the Patriots have always taken when it comes to any opponent.

Team "X" is well coached. They have playmakers. Records don't matter. Et cetera, et cetera.

Not only does Belichick have to say it to avoid providing bulletin material for the opposing team, but in this case, he has to say it to get his own players to believe it. Listen, no game is ever a lock — and this one isn't either. But make no mistake about it, the Patriots and Colts are on completely different levels.

"The only thing that matters is how we and the Colts perform against each other on Sunday," Belichick said. "That's all that matters. Who cares who won three weeks ago in some other game with some other players? It doesn't matter."

For the record, the Pats beat the Jets three weeks ago, and have used it as momentum since. The Colts? They lost, obviously, 31-7 to the Falcons in Indy.

But listen to the players and coaches and you'd think they were underdogs. That's not a bad thing.

"This is the National Football League and we know any given Sunday, a team is going to try their best, especially against us, to try to wear us out and beat us up to prove a point," Vince Wilfork said. "We're always walking around with a target. One thing we have to do is, we have to be ready to go — start fast and finish fast."

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*On the air Sunday*
**Patriots at Colts, 1 p.m. (CBS)**

## The cold, hard football facts

**A look at this weekend's NFL action through the eyes of the football stat experts at Coldhardfootballfacts.com.**

### Tim Tebow rocks real QB rating

Tim Tebow haters think he's a statistical circus freak who is winning in spite of himself. But his success is easy to explain if you understand the Coldhardfootballfacts.com Real Quarterback Rating, which measures all aspect of a QB's performance passing and running. Other QB stats measure only passing. The Broncos are 5-0 when Tebow outperforms the other team's quarterback in Real QB Rating.

- **Week 7: DEN 18, MIA 15**
  Matt Moore 69.6 Real QBR; Tebow 80.5 Real QBR
- **Week 8: DET 45, DEN 10**
  Matt Stafford-Shaun Hill 118.2 Real QBR; Tebow 48.2 Real QBR
- **Week 9: DEN 38, OAK 24**
  Carson Palmer 69.4 Real QBR; Tebow 108.2 Real QBR
- **Week 10: DEN 17, KC 10**
  Matt Cassel-Tyler Palko 67.9 Real QBR; Tebow 122.7 Real QBR
- **Week 11: DEN 17, NYJ 13**
  Mark Sanchez 62.2 Real QBR; Tebow 87.1 Real QBR
- **Week 12: DEN 16, SD 13**
  Philip Rivers 68.8 Real QBR; Tebow 94.4 Real QBR

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- **Start him**
  **NYG WR Victor Cruz**
  He's been among the most consistent receivers this season and is especially hot right now. He has 285 total yards and three touchdowns the last two weeks.
- **Sit him**
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### In the AFC

**STANDINGS**

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| **EAST** | |
| PATRIOTS | 8-3 |
| JETS | 6-5 |
| BILLS | 5-6 |
| DOLPHINS | 3-8 |
| **NORTH** | |
| RAVENS | 8-3 |
| STEELERS | 8-3 |
| BENGALS | 7-4 |
| BROWNS | 4-7 |
| **SOUTH** | |
| TEXANS | 8-3 |
| TITANS | 6-5 |
| JAGUARS | 3-8 |
| COLTS | 0-11 |
| **WEST** | |
| RAIDERS | 7-4 |
| BRONCOS | 6-5 |
| CHIEFS | 4-7 |
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### In the NFC

**STANDINGS**

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| **EAST** | |
| COWBOYS | 7-4 |
| GIANTS | 6-5 |
| REDSKINS | 4-7 |
| EAGLES | 4-7* |
| **NORTH** | |
| PACKERS | 11-0 |
| BEARS | 7-4 |
| LIONS | 7-4 |
| VIKINGS | 2-9 |
| **SOUTH** | |
| SAINTS | 8-3 |
| FALCONS | 7-4 |
| BUCCANEERS | 4-7 |
| PANTHERS | 3-8 |
| **WEST** | |
| 49ERS | 9-2 |
| SEAHAWKS | 4-7* |
| CARDINALS | 4-7 |
| RAMS | 2-9 |

*DOESN'T INCLUDE THURSDAY'S GAME

# WEEKEND FOOTBALL BETTING GUIDE

**BRONCOS** 6-5 at **VIKINGS** 2-9

**SUNDAY, 1 P.M.**

Line: Vikings -1 (O/U 37.5)
The Scoop: The Tebow Show rolls along. If that's not enough, Broncos are 4-0 ATS in last four road games.
Pick: Broncos

**PANTHERS** 3-8 at **BUCS** 4-7

**SUNDAY, 1 P.M.**

Line: Bucs -3 (O/U 47.5)
The Scoop: Tampa QB Josh Freeman shot himself. Take Team Cam and the over (6-1 in last 7 meetings).
Pick: Panthers

**BENGALS** 7-4 at **STEELERS** 8-3

**SUNDAY, 1 P.M.**

Line: Steelers -6.5 (O/U 42)
The Scoop: Must-win for Cincy — BUT we're siding with PITT, who are 8-1 in last nine following a ATS loss)
Pick: Steelers

**COLTS** 0-11 at **PATRIOTS** 8-3

**SUNDAY, 1 P.M.**

Line: Patriots -20 (O/U 47.5)
The Scoop: Throw the trends out in this one. The Colts are atrocious and Tom Brady is god. Don't flinch.
Pick: Patriots

**RAIDERS** 7-4 at **DOLPHINS** 3-8

**SUNDAY, 1 P.M.**

Line: Dolphins -3 (O/U 43)
The Scoop: MIA is 8-29 in last 37 as home faves. Raiders, lock it up.
Pick: Raiders

**FALCONS** 7-4 at **TEXANS** 8-3

**SUNDAY, 1 P.M.**

Line: Texans +3 (O/U 38.5)
The Scoop: It's the NFL's top-rated defense versus a rookie QB. Falcons are also 6-1 ATS in last seven in Dec.
Pick: Falcons

**TITANS** 6-5 at **BILLS** 5-6

**SUNDAY, 1 P.M.**

Line: Bills -1.5 (O/U 43)
The Scoop: It's cold in Buffalo this time of year. Take the Bills and bet the under (5-0 in Titans last five).
Pick: Bills

**JETS** 6-5 at **REDSKINS** 4-7

**SUNDAY, 1 P.M.**

Line: Redskins +3 (O/U 38.5)
The Scoop: Rex Grossman ... stay away. Repeat, stay away. Oh yeah, 'Skins are 2-5 ATS in last seven.
Pick: Jets

**CHIEFS** 4-7 at **BEARS** 7-4

**SUNDAY, 1 P.M.**

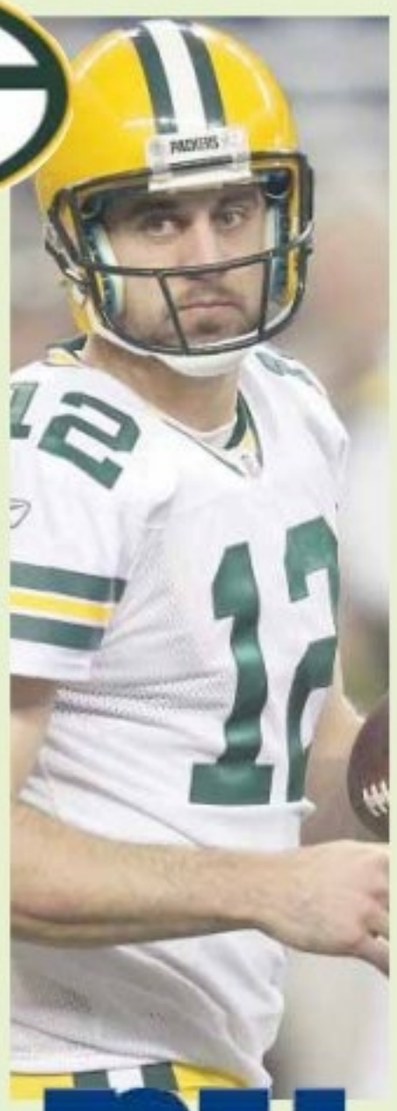
Line: Bears -7 (O/U 37.5)
The Scoop: We don't like KC at all, but seven points is lot to give a team with Caleb Hanie at QB.
Pick: Chiefs

**RAVENS** 8-3 at **BROWNS** 4-7

**SUNDAY, 4:05 P.M.**

Line: Browns +6.5 (O/U 38)
The Scoop: The Ravens should win this by two touchdowns. Bank it.
Pick: Ravens

## Packers vs. Giants (4:15 Sunday)



**LINE: Giants +7 (O/U 52)**

**KEY INJURIES:** T Chad Clifton (hamstring, back) out. LB A.J. Hawk (calf) questionable.
LB Michael Boley (hamstring) questionable. RB Ahmad Bradshaw (foot) questionable. WR Hakeem Nicks (ribs, concussion) questionable.
WR Victor Cruz (hip) probable.

**THE SCOOP:** The last time the Giants hosted an undefeated team at the end of the season was 2007, versus the Pats. While Big Blue didn't win that one, they did cover (+14) and lost by just three points. Just a little food for thought. Not buying in? OK, neither are we. The Pack is 6-0 ATS versus teams with winning records, 8-2 ATS in last 10 road games and 4-1 ATS in last five as road favorites.
**PICK:** Packers

**RAMS** 2-9 at **49ERS** 9-2

**SUNDAY, 4:15 P.M.**

Line: 49ers -13 (O/U 37.5)
The Scoop: The 49ers can clinch their NFC West title in nine year with a win over a Rams team in free fall mode, and a coach trying to save his job. Even though the Niners don't really blow teams out, they are 3-0-1 ATS in last four as a home favorite of 10.5 or greater. Meanwhile, Rams are 2-8 ATS in last 10 as underdogs.
Pick: 49ers

**COWBOYS** 7-4 at **CARDINALS** 4-7

**SUNDAY, 4:15 P.M.**

Line: Cardinals +4.5 (O/U 45.5)
The Scoop: Dallas should roll in this one as the best road dog on the entire board. However, it is winter and we all know Tony Romo is allergic to December (7-10 career record), and the Cards are 4-1 ATS in their last five games. Still, we'll take our chances the 'Boys don't kick it to Patrick Peterson.
Pick: Cowboys

**LIONS** 7-4 at **SAINTS** 8-3

**SUNDAY, 8:20 P.M.**

Line: Saints -9 (O/U 54)
The Scoop: Saints are undefeated at the SuperDome this season and Lions are missing Ndamukong Suh.
Pick: Saints

**UCLA** 6-6 at **OREGON** NO. 8, 10-2

**FRIDAY, 8 P.M.**

Line: Oregon -31.5
The Scoop: Oregon should roll, but expect a solid cover from UCLA and ousted coach Rick Neuheisel.
Pick: UCLA

**UCONN** 5-6 at **CINCINNATI** 7-4

**SATURDAY, NOON**

Line: Cincinnati -9
The Scoop: Both teams are fighting for BCS bids, but trends favor UConn (8-3 ATS in last 11 Big East games.
Pick: UConn

**SYRACUSE** 5-6 at **PITTSBURGH** 5-6

**SATURDAY, NOON**

Line: Pittsburgh -10.5
The Scoop: Orange have lost four straight and PITT is 4-0 ATS in last four games and 4-1 at home.
Pick: Pittsburgh

**TEXAS** 7-4 at **BAYLOR** NO. 18, 8-3

**SATURDAY, 3:30 P.M.**

Line: Baylor -2.5
The Scoop: Robert Griffin III. That's all you need to know.
Pick: Baylor

**IOWA ST.** 6-5 at **KANSAS ST.** NO. 16, 9-2

**SATURDAY, 12:30 P.M.**

Line: Kansas St. -10.5
The Scoop: K-State can still share the Big 12 title with a win. Plus, they are 9-1 ATS in last 10 games overall.
Pick: Kansas St.

**WYOMING** 7-4 at **COLO. ST.** 3-8

**SATURDAY, 2 P.M.**

Line: Colorado St. +5.5
The Scoop: Wyoming has won past two Bronze Boots, but Colorado St. owns series, 55-42. It'll be close.
Pick: Colorado St.

**UNLV** 2-9 at **TCU** NO. 18, 9-2

**SATURDAY, 2:30 P.M.**

Line: TCU -38.5
The Scoop: It's more about how bad the Rebels are (3-13 vs. winning schools) than how good TCU is.
Pick: TCU

**OKLAHOMA** NO. 13, 9-2 at **OKLA. ST.** NO. 3, 9-1

**SATURDAY, 8 P.M.**

Line: Oklahoma St. -3.5
The Scoop: It's eight straight for the Sooners (5-0-1 ATS as road dogs) in the Bedlam Bowl. Trust Bob Stoops.
Pick: Oklahoma

**FRESNO ST.** 4-8 at **SAN DIEGO ST.** NO. 8, 7-4

**SATURDAY, 8 P.M.**

Line: San Diego St. -8
The Scoop: Balanced Aztecs offense should be enough to get it done.
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# Welcome to Boston ... let's get to work

**Valentine introduced as newest manager of the Sox ● He downplays image of tough guy, genius ● Team hopes he is the catalyst for change**

Bobby Valentine has been called many things throughout his baseball career. On Thursday, they officially called him manager of the Red Sox. As for the other descriptions, some of them suggesting an ego large enough to devour Fenway Park, Valentine pleaded for calm.

"It's about reputation versus character," Valentine said after reaching a two-year deal to become the 45th manager in team history, with team options for 2014 and 2015. "I have some qualities in my character that are OK. I'm not the genius that I've heard people refer to me as. I'm not the polarizing guy that people refer to me as. I'm not the monster that breathes fire. I'm a regular human being with regular feelings and attributes that make me what I am."

What the Red Sox hope is that Valentine, 61, who managed the Rangers and Mets — reaching the NLCS in 1999 and World Series in 2000 — is the catalyst to changing the clubhouse dynamic that doomed Terry Francona in the final month of his eight-year stint as manager.

Valentine's reputation is for straight-shooting and feather-ruffling, something the team lacked as it collapsed last September amid stories of clubhouse chaos.

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▶ Bobby Valentine takes over as the 45th manager of the Boston Red Sox.

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## Bobby V talks 2011 collapse

Valentine mostly passed on talking about last September's collapse.

"Something happened in September that I wasn't involved in," he said. "Right now, maybe this group of guys has a reputation that's not warranted. Because everything I've heard about the players that wore the uniform last year ... says nothing but they had great character. METRO/JG

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